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SUBJECT: ROMANIAN "COVERUP" OF WATERGATE ENDS

REF: BUCHAREST 3514 AND PREVIOUS

1. ROMANIAN FOREIGN AFFAIRS WEEKLY LUMEA TOOK HANGOUT ROUTE AUGUST 15 IN FIRST AUTHORITATIVE EXPLANATION OF WATERGATE AND PRESIDENT NIXON'S RESIGNATION. ALTHOUGH TOTAL ROMANIAN NEWS BLACKOUT OF ISSUE SINCE AT LEAST MAY 1973 WAS BROKEN AUGUST 9, NEWS COVERAGE UNTIL NOW HAS STILL AVOIDED TELLING AUDIENCE WHYS AND WHEREFORES.

2. STRESSING "STRICTLY INTERNAL" NATURE OF WATERGATE, LUMEA REVEALS THAT NIXON'S "LOSS OF POLITICAL SUPPORT IN CONGRESS" STEMMED FROM "CERTAIN INCORRECT PRACTICES (ELECTRONIC INTERCEPTS AND OTHER DIVERSION ACTIONS AGAINST POLITICAL ADVERSARIES, IMPERMISSIBLE MANIPULATION OF

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ELECTION CONTRIBUTIONS)." ARTICLE SAYS NIXON WAS

"REPROACHED" FOR COVERING UP FOR ASSOCIATES. ACCOMPANY-  
ING IS THREE-YEAR FACTUAL CHRONOLOGY TRACING WATERGATE  
FROM BREAK-IN TO RESIGNATION AND FOCUSED ON FIGHT OVER  
WHITE HOUSE TAPES INCLUDING SUPREME COURT VERDICT.

3. HOWEVER, FOR BALANCE, LUMEA ADDS TWO COLUMNS OF  
FAVORABLE QUOTES FROM FOREIGN PRESS LAUDING NIXON'S  
FOREIGN POLICY ACHIEVEMENTS AND EXPRESSING SATISFACTION  
WITH PRESIDENT FORD'S STRESS ON CONTINUITY. LUMEA ALSO  
REPRINTS FULL TEXTS OF NIXON'S AUGUST 8 SPEECH TO NATION  
AND OF PRESIDENT FORD'S STATEMENT TO CONGRESS.

4. LUMEA'S US SPECIALIST WHO WROTE ARTICLE TOLD EMBOFF  
AUGUST 15 THAT GOR WISHED FINALLY TO PUT OUT AUTHORITATIVE  
PICTURE OF EVENTS WHICH WOULD KEEP NIXON'S POSITIVE  
FOREIGN POLICY AT THE FORE BUT STILL COMMUNICATE REASONS  
BEHIND FALL.  
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